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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2010

"Calling All Parents"

Each year during the month of October fire professionals across the country spend countless hours training school age children on the importance of fire safety. However this training is often overlooked by parents as nothing more than a photo op with "Sparky" or a tour of a fire truck.

While fire safety professionals try to make Fire Prevention Week as fun as possible for the kids, it is also a time where

real issues are addressed that could potentially save someone's life. That is why the Fort Campbell Fire Department is "Calling All Parents" to take an active role in this years Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Prevention Week 2010 will take place October 3-9 and will focus on the importance of smoke alarms. More and more studies are showing that children (ages 5 to 15) with *normal hearing* do not

awaken to the sound of smoke alarms, because they sleep so deeply during their developmental stages. As many as 80% of children may not awaken to smoke alarms according to several studies. This study coupled with the fact that 23 percent of home fire deaths had non-working smoke detectors, illustrates the need for training and understanding smoke alarms. Cont. pg. 2

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Here is the schedule of events for this years Fire Prevention Week.
Hope to see you there!

- 29 September 2010: Jackson Elementary**
- 30 September 2010: Lucas Elementary**
- 1 October 2010: Barkley Elementary**
- 4 October 2010: Lincoln Elementary**
- 5 October 2010: Marshall Elementary**
- 8 October 2010: Fire Safety Fair
(Hammond Village Commons)**



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Here are a few facts on smoke alarm safety:

- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in half
- Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in U.S. home fires.
- In 2003-2006, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- No smoke alarms were present in 40% of the home fire deaths.
- In more than half of the reported home fires in which the smoke alarms were present, batteries were missing or disconnected. Nuisance alarms were the leading reason for disconnected alarms.
- In fires considered large enough to activate a smoke alarm, hard-wired

alarms operated 91% of the time; battery-powered smoke alarms operated 75% of the time.

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms.
- There are two types of smoke alarm technologies – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or the smoke from cooking. A photoelectric alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring or something hot like a space heater. Install both types of alarms in your home or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms that take advantage of both technologies.

- Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired, should be replaced when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- **Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.**



CPSC Announces Carbon Monoxide Safety Poster

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is challenging middle school students nationwide to create a poster to help teach families about the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) in the home. CPSC's poster contest is open to students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

For each grade level, three finalists will be selected for a total of nine finalists. Each finalist will win \$250 in prize money. CPSC judges will choose the best overall poster and the winner will receive an additional \$500.

CPSC's goal for the poster contest is to raise awareness and to help reverse a deadly trend. CO is an odorless, colorless and deadly gas. It is called the "Invisible Killer" because you cannot see it or smell it and it can kill its victims quickly. Each year more than 150 people die from accidental non-fire carbon monoxide poisoning associated with consumer products in the United States and that number is on the rise. Most of the increase is due to consumers improperly using generators indoors, in attached garages or in other enclosed spaces.

Students' posters will be evaluated on the clarity of their CO safety message, visual appeal and design originality.

The poster contest runs from September 7 through December 31, 2010 during which time submissions will be accepted online or by mail. Find out more about the contest and the rules at www.challenge.gov/cpsc.

Toshiba Recalls T Series Notebook Computers Due to Burn



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, announced a voluntary recall of the Toshiba Satellite T135, Satellite T135D and Satellite ProT130 Notebook Computers. The notebook computers can overheat at the notebook's plug-in to the AC adapter, posing a burn hazard to consumers. Toshiba has received 129 reports of the notebook computers overheating and deforming the plastic casing area around the AC adapter plug, including two reports of minor burn injuries that did not require medical attention and two reports of minor property damage. Consumers should immediately download the latest version of Toshiba's BIOS computer program to their notebook



computer at <http://laptops.toshiba.com/about/consumer-notice>. This new computer program will detect whether the notebook computer is overheating, and if so, disable the notebook computer's external power and display a message directing the consumer to contact Toshiba for a free repair. Consumers who do not have Internet access should contact Toshiba to arrange for installation of the updated BIOS.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Toshiba at (800) 457-7777 anytime or visit the firm's website at

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Safety precautions are easily overlooked in the excitement of the holiday season. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States. Fort Campbell Fire Department reminds the public to be careful this holiday season.

Safety reminders inside for the kitchen: turn pot handles inward, away from the edge of the stove. Don't wear long loose sleeves that can hang over the stove while cooking, Remove tablecloths That can be pulled on by children which can result in a hot plate tumbling down on top of them.

Deep fryers are becoming popular choices for cooking the Thanksgiving turkey. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible and if it is heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite. Overheating can occur if temperature controls, which are designed to shut off the fryer if the oil overheats, are defective, or if the appliance has no temperature controls.

Christmas trees and lights are common safety problems. Here are some tips to make your holidays safer... Keep live Christmas trees watered. This is particularly important when a Christmas tree is purchased well in advance of Christmas. Timely removal of Christmas trees after the holidays will prevent excessive dryness. If tree care is an inconvenience, a synthetic tree may be a safe alternative.

Check electrical cords and lights for signs of damage. If damaged, replace these items. Use of damaged electrical cords and lights can cause an electrical short and lead to a fire. Keep a close eye on pets, who often drink the tree water, causing the tree to dry out faster, or chew on and damage electrical cords and lights.

Take extra precaution with candles and other displays that place open fire in your home. These can be easily forgotten and become a danger to curious children or pets. Remember to extinguish them when they are not attended.



HAUNTED HOUSES



The season of witches and ghouls are upon us! Halloween is just a few weeks away and we wanted to take a few minutes to talk about fire safety and prevention to those of you who may be thinking about hosting a haunted house this year.

The nature of a haunted house is unique to fire safety and each facility must be evaluated accordingly. Planning and communication is the key to a safe and successful event. Special attention should be given to overall exit arrangement, exit travel distance, plus exit and emergency lighting. Flammable liquids should not be used under any circumstance and combustible interior finish should be limited. Construction materials need to be Class A type (no plastic material will be allowed). The fire detection, alarm and extinguishing equipment must be in good operational condition and no decorations can be hung from these devices. Other areas that need to be addressed when planning a haunted house are the use of special effects, adequate trained and supervised staff, and established emergency procedures which include an evacuation plan. For added safety, it may be necessary to limit occupant load, add additional emergency exits or establish other special precautions to minimize a potential risk due to such unique circumstances.

This is an exciting (and scary) time of year for the young ones with choices of haunted forests, corn mazes, and an array of other attractions. Fort Campbell's Fire Prevention Staff wants to ensure that Halloween stays safe and that all units and/or organizations follow proper procedures to be able to host a haunted house on Post. Contact the Fort Campbell Fire Prevention staff to request a permit or if you have any questions regarding haunted houses on Fort Campbell.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday, November 7, and marks the 23rd anniversary of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® (CYCCYB) program. This program is sponsored by Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, which reminds us to change and test the batteries in our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This message is simple and the habit can be lifesaving.

The Fort Campbell Fire Department would like to remind everyone the importance of having properly working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The time you take could mean the safety of both you and your loved ones. So remember to Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Test the alarms and remind friends, family, neighbors and fellow community members to do the same.





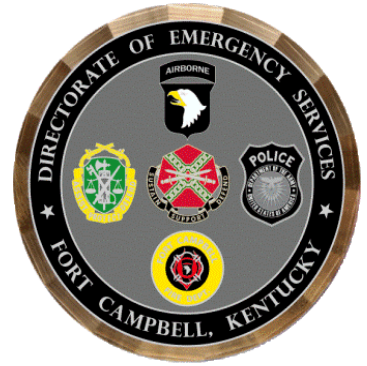
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